Expansion and Development of Transmission Network in Bihar

† 4026. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for the development and expansion of transmission network in the State of Bihar for the current and the next year; and

(b) the amount proposed to be spent for this work?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Bihar is fully covered by Radio signals. There is no scheme for expansion/ development of Radio network in Bihar during the 9th Five Year Plan.

Doordarshan coverage is available all over the country, including Bihar, in statellite mode. However, terrestrial TV coverage is presently estimated to be available to about 93.3% population of the State (including the population in fringe areas). For further expansion of Doordarshan network in Bihar, fours Low Power TV Transmitters (LPTs) are presently under implementation at Ramnagar, Kishanganj, Banka and Gaya (DD-2), at an approved cost of Rs. 2.97 crore. These projects are at different stages of implementation and are scheduled to be completed in phases during 2001 and 2002.

DD Deals with Various Channels

4027. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deals DD entered into with various channels to produce and sell the programmes;

(b) the revenue earned by DD from those deals;

(c) whether Government have set up any high-level committee to present the programmes on DD in a better way to fetch more advertisement and revenue and attract viewers; and

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